GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LANDING FACILITY AT VISAKHAPATNAM
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start more air and air cargo services apart from night landing facilities at the Visakhapatnam airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b) and (c):- The Airport at Visakhapatnam belongs to Indian Navy and is suitable for fair weather operations only due to hilly terrain in the vicinity. At present, Indian Airlines is operating a four times weekly service connecting Delhi - Bhubaneshwar - Vizag - Chennai and Vice Versa. A daily service connecting Mumbai - Hyderabad - Vizag and vice versa and a twice weekly service connecting Chennai - Vizag - Kolkatta and vice versa are also being operated by Indian Airlines. However, any airline is free to operate to any route and connect any place as per its commercial judgement subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines.